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Fourth Annual Coronation Ball Held

Red and white decorations set a holiday mood for the Study-Culture Club's fourth annual Coronation Ball, a formal dance held Saturday evening, November 27, at the Diplomat Auditorium.

Music was by the Count-down Band, was lively and listenable.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Club's Queen for 1972, to reign over all of the Club's activities throughout the year.

The members of the court, from which the queen was chosen, were as follows: Cora (Mrs Joe) Atwater, Delores (Mrs James) Bond, Marion (Mrs Smith) Hardaway, Vera (Mrs David) Hayes, Mrs Rose Johnson, Hattie (Mrs Purcell) Nash, Alda (Mrs Jesse) Smith, Carrie (Mrs Johnnie) Smith, Darlene (Mrs Leon) Washington, Catherine Whitfield, Margaret (Mrs Willie) Williams and Shirley Dunnaway.

The introduction of the court by Mrs Dorothy Harris included descriptions of their gowns made in many different styles and all very beautiful.

Choosing a queen from this group of ladies, on the basis of involvement in club activities or general poise, must have been an extremely difficult task. Chosen to wear the 1972 crown was Mrs Margaret Williams, a delightful lady known by friends as Marty. Mrs Williams got a kiss from her husband, along with her crown, purple robe and bouquet of red roses.

The president of the Study-Culture Club, Mrs Junaita Taylor, then spoke briefly about the ideals and goals of the club.

The club defines culture as "the training and refining of the mind, manners and taste," and its purpose is: "To promote culture, civic welfare and enjoyment for members and friends."

The ideal of the club is described in this quotation: "To do the honorable thing always requires a sacrifice, whether of time, money, reputation, comfort, safety or of life itself.

Mrs Taylor added that all proceeds from the clubs many activities is used for charity. Specifically, the proceeds from the Coronation Ball were earmarked for the Club's scholarship fund.

After Mrs Taylor's talk, Master of Ceremonies, Billie D. Hardrick introduced the well-known Mr Sam McDole, who is not only a theatrical booking agent, but a fine performer in his own right. Sam sang and danced his way through his perrenial favorite, "Don't Leave Me, Girl," and another popular hit, "The Choking Kind".

Sam's act was very well received and was the perfect transition from the coronation program to the dancing that followed. His lively performance warmed up the band and the guests and when the dancing began, everyone joined in.

The Study-Culture Club provided an entirely delightful evening on Saturday and the Valley Star salutes this fine group of hard-working ladies for their contribution to their community.

QUEEN MARGARET

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LOVELY LADIES CHAT

First snow always creates a problem, these two had to find a way to stop their cars, so they ran head on to each other. "That's the only way to stop" wouldn't you say so?

Announcement

The Progressive Women's Club is having its 12th Annual Christmas Dinner at the Sveden House Sunday, December 12, at 4:00 p.m.

Guest speaker: Mrs Birdie Moore of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the President of Central Regional District of NACWC.

Ticket Chairman, Mrs Christine Goins.

All interested persons call 752-8077.

Saginaw High School Coach Resigns

Oarie Lemanski has resigned as head football coach at Saginaw High School. Oarie indicated in his letter of resignation that he feels that at this time a change in leadership would be beneficial to the football program at Saginaw High.

We feel Oarie has done an excellent job and are very sorry to have him resign. An intensive search will be made for a coach to replace him. However, it is very difficult to replace a man of Oarie's caliber.

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Letters To The Editor

Of Congratulations

Congratulations:

To Mr Colvin and the staff at the Valley Star. I have enjoyed your paper this past year and hope that you will keep up the good work. We think that you have really got the people of Saginaw Valley in mind.

Mr and Mrs Raymond Jackson Jr

To the Editor of the Valley Star News:

We would like to tell you how much we enjoy the paper. I think the Star is widely read by most of the families of its community. As it keeps us informed as what the black people are doing the nicer things. All interesting news, nice photos. We look forward to the Star each week. It is so good to read the nice things our community is doing. Mr Hayes and I wish you and the Valley Star all the success in the world.

Mr and Mrs David Hayes

Dear Mr Colvin:

In the few months that I have been in Saginaw, I have found the Valley Star to be filled with accurate, informative and timely news and features on the life of our community.

News that I cannot read elsewhere is in the Valley Star.

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Election Results Encouraging

By Milton J. Robinson
Executive Director
Michigan Civil
Rights Commission

Although election results are like any other statistics — they can say what you want, I find encouraging signs in recent municipal voting in the state.

With school busing and law-and-order so much on the minds of voters, it would have been of little surprise had conservative candidates swept the Nov. 2 elections.

Yet, this was not the case.

In practically every election in the state's larger cities, there was evidence that candidates of more liberal political leanings, who can represent all the people, remain capable of being elected.

Much of the credit must go to increased numbers of blacks voting and lowering of the voting age to 18.

Certainly, the best example of what I'm talking about was in Kalamazoo.

Despite a climate of a court order to desegregate the city's schools through massive busing, voters elected their first black mayor, Gilbert Bradley. At 31, he's also the youngest mayor in the city's history.

Labor Support

In addition, at least four others elected to the seven-member Kalamazoo City Commission are considered sensitive to the needs and *desires of minority group residents.*

Credit for Kalamazoo's election results also must go to well-organized labor support in the form of the Kalamazoo Labor Coalition.

That also was the case in Bay City where voters selected a "workingman" as mayor. Michael J. Campbell, 31, is a journeyman pipefitter at the Chevrolet plant in Bay City.

Another city electing its first black mayor was Benton Harbor, the scene of much racial strife in the last few years.

Charles Joseph, 36, defeated Wilbert Smith, who had held the mayor's post for 14 years. The margin was 2-1.

During his campaign, Joseph appealed primarily to blacks and young people for votes, but promised to unify the city racially.

Highland Park, which, like Benton Harbor, is more than 50 per cent black, also elected a black mayor, Robert Blackwell. He was the incumbent.

Other Results

In other encouraging election results:

Three Rivers, located 20 miles south of Kalamazoo, put into the mayor's seat Mrs Grace McCally. She's the city's first female mayor.

The top vote-getter among city council candidates in Saginaw was the Rev. Garry L. Miller, youth minister at the First Congregation Church there.

East Lansing voters, many of them Michigan State University students, chose a liberal slate of councilmen — George L. Griffiths, George Colburn and Wilbur B. Brookover.

There even was something to be glad about in the nearly all-white Detroit suburb of Warren where Mayor Ted Bates turned back the bid of ultra-conservative Richard Slabaugh.

While the 1972 elections will better determine the degree of impact, it's apparent to me that increased black voter registration and the lowering of the voting age to 18 must be considered significant election factors.

What's more, judging by the Nov. 2 elections, they can be viewed as factors which can work in favor of candidates who wish to represent minority group residents as well as the majority.

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Unhappiness is having your teen-age son smash the fender on your car, barely 24 hours after your insurance has expired.

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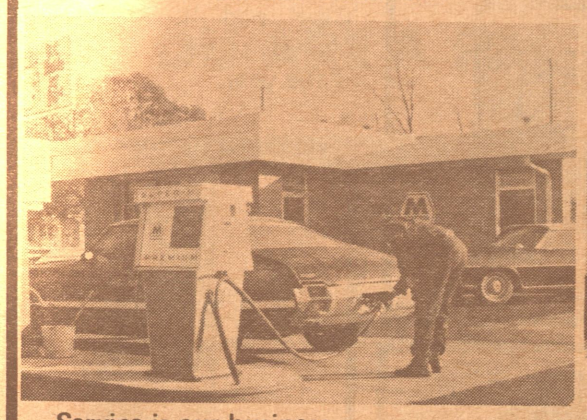

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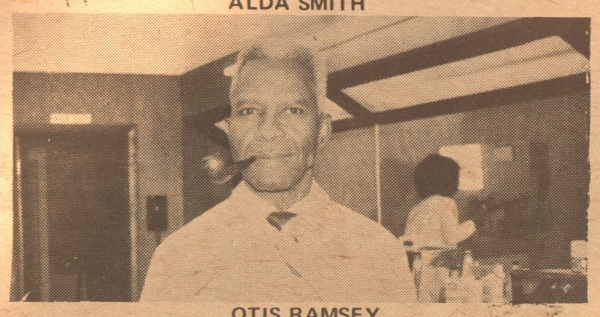

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Spanish Speaking Center Joins Multi-Purpose Center

From The
Saginaw News
By Gary L. Schroder
News Staff Writer

Saginaw will have a Spanish Information Center next year.

Months of controversy and confrontation on the proposed second-year Model Cities' project ended Monday night as the city council gave its final approval.

Council approval did not come, however, until the center's proposed $159,933 budget had been trimmed by nearly $30,000.

The council also insisted the center for area Mexican-Americans be housed in the Multi-Purpose Center, 1407 Janes, which is maintained with other Model Cities' funds.

Supporters of the center, who have clashed with city officials in the past, seemed pleased by the council's action.

Joseph Garcia, spokesman for the 17-member Spanish Speaking Center Board, which will operate the center, said he was not dissapointed by the budget cut.

"After that Committee of the Whole meeting, we saw it coming," Garcia said. We were prepared.

In the council's afternoon Committee of the Whole meeting, a council recommendation to fund the center as proposed by the Model Cities' Policy Board failed by a 4-3 vote.

After the Committee of the Whole had been unable to agree on a recommendation, Councilman Raymond M. Tortora in the evening meeting moved that the center be funded at $130,000 and placed in the Multi-Purpose Center.

The motion was quickly seconded by Councilman Thomas F. James and it passed unanimously.

Representatives of the center will begin meeting with the director of the Multi-Purpose Center (MPC) to work out accommodation arrangements.

Garcia said he is concerned that the MPC will not have enough space available. He indicated the center will need eight rooms, while there may be only five available.

The council also hoped to act on the Youth Protective Services project Monday night, but two hours of discussion on the information center took all the council's time.

The center is the third second-year project to receive final approval since the council submitted the city's second-year program to federal authorities while reserving the right to make changes.

The Multi-Purpose Center and juvenile rehabilitation projects were approved without changes by the council last week. Although the Spanish Information Center has passed its final local review, one question remains. The final motion posed $35,000 in unused first-year funds, which project promoters wanted to use to buy a building to house the center.

City officials and project supporters differed in opinion on whether federal officials would let Saginaw use first-year program money on a project that will not be started until the second year.

It also was not immediately known if the council's budget cut would reduce the center's personnel appropriation. In the proposed $159,933 budget, $109,633 would have been spent on personnel, including a director, three program coordinators, an office manager and a clerk-typist.

The center is intended to be primarily a referral center, but would also have educational and cultural appreciation programs.

It would also assist mirgrants on employment, citizenship and housing problems.

In the afternoon council session, councilmen expressed concern that the budget was too high, that there might be duplication of services and a separate facility was not necessary.

Councilman Robert L. Loucks moved that the proposal be recommended for approval as submitted.

Amendments to place the center in MPC and set up a committee to work out the arrangements were approved, but the motion failed when no amendment was offered to reduce the budget.

Loucks, Tortora and the Rev Gary L. Miller voted for the motion, but were outnumbered by Councilmen James, William F. Nelson Jr, David F. Oeming and Mayor Paul H. Wendler.

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Multi-Purpose Center

Welcome To Parking Ramp No. 2

Even though we are still under construction, we are opening early to allow additional needed parking (430 spaces) for downtown shoppers. Ramp completion will be March, 1972. At that time all levels will be open with 1,400 spaces, along with 4 stairways, 4 elevators, automatic directional signing, and other modern conveniences.

In the meantime, we ask your cooperation in excusing the inconveniences caused by our construction work. . .we ask that you please observe all temporary signing, directional markings and barricades. They have been placed for your safety and conveniences. Right now, 1 elevator at the southeast corner of the ramp and 1 of our 4 stairways (corners of Franklin and Tuscola) are available for your use.

Please lock your car when you park.

Our ramp manager and staff will be on duty from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tues. through Thurs. and Sat. and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Mon. and Fri. Please call on these personnel for any request or assistance with any problem. Thank you for your cooperative patronage.

CITY OF SAGINAW — TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISION.

Saginaw's Parking Deck No. 2, the new 1,400 car parking ramp across the street from the Civic Center, was opened this morning. The opening ceremony featured remarks by Councilman Nelson and Jerry Nissley, President of Saginaw Downtown, Inc. and Owen Smith, Chairman of the City of Saginaw Building Authority. Nelson Wing, of W. C. Wiechmann Company was the master of ceremonies. The first car driven into the ramp was loaned for the occasion by Saginaw Steering Gear.

The seven-level parking ramp is located in the block bounded by Washington, Johnson, Franklin and Tuscola streets. The ramp features clear span construction with no interior pillars for easy access to the 1,400 angle parking spaces. The ramp is fabricated of precast concrete beams and columns with post-tensioned concrete floor slabs. The ramp has four bays at every level including an up and down ramp and two outer bays. There are four stair towers, one in each corner of the structure with an elevator in each tower and a window from top to bottom in each stairwell and elevator shaft.

To assure customer safety, the ramp contains complete audio listening system, including elevator and stairwell listening posts. Visual surveillance is facilitated by the good lighting of the structure and through strategic location of windows in the stairwells, elevator shafts and attendant's offices.

The ramp customers will receive a ticket as they enter the ramp and pay the attendant as they leave. Customers don't have to carry exact change to use the ramp. The rates will be 25 cents for the first and second hours, 20 cents for each additional hour, $1.20 per day maximum, 50 cents flat fee after 6:00 p.m., and $15.00 per month permit parking. To expedite traffic control for major evening Civic Center events, payment will be made when entering the ramp.

In order to facilitate parking during the Christmas shopping season, the parking ramp was opened before ramp construction has been completed. Parking will be available on the lower three levels while work continues on the upper three levels.

The ramp was designed by Conrad Associates, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois. The general contractor was R. C. Hendrick & Sons of Saginaw, Michigan. The cost of the ramp was $3.5 million which was financed through the City of Saginaw Traffic Engineering Division.

Spanish-Speaking Center

This project has provided the facilities that Model Neighborhood Residents would most frequently require. The building is a former maternity hospital, general hospital and senior citizens rest home and is now again in use as the MN Multi-Purpose Service Center. The building is owned by the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw and leased to the various service agencies who have clients primarily from the Northeastern Section of Saginaw.

This former hospital of about 100 beds, three floors and basement with a renovated functional kitchen and laundry facilities, was constructed at the turn of the century as were most of the houses in the MN. The building is located in the MN on a secondary east-west city artery with sporadic bus transportation available.

In March, 1971, the Multi-Purpose Service Center Board, Inc hired a staff to coordinate the services of the Center and maintain the facility. At the present time, the following nine agencies occupy space in the building: Saginaw Community Action Committee (CAC,) United Area Federal Credit Union, Community Affairs Department of the Catholic Diocese (CAD), Youth Protective Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and the Citizens' Participation Division of the Model Cities Department. Future tenants expected are Alcoholics Anonymous, MN Senior Citizens Drop-In Center, Department of Correction and the Department of Social Services (food stamp program.) Less certain, as of this writing, are the intentions of Legal Aid, Michigan Employment Security Commission and Social Security.

General Expansion is anticipated while no major departures are anticipated during the Second Action year.

John Moton (left) Frontiers President; Sheryl Stanford receiving award; J. Credella Harris (far right) Program Director; Robert S. Williams (right) Associate Director; Mrs. Elvira Car (right) Mother of the late Mrs. Stanford.

Frontiers Dinner

In memories of Mrs Ella Stanford, a plaque was presented to her daughter, Sheryl Stanford, Sunday, November 7, 1971 at the Saginaw Frontiers Dinner. This plaque was presented in the memory of the late Mrs Stanford's untiring efforts and devotion to community betterment.

In turn, Sheryl Stanford presented the Annual Award for Community Achievement in memory to her mother, who was on the staff as a Pre-School Director at First Ward Community Center. The plaque will remain with the center in memories of Mrs Stanford's achievements in the community.

School Notes

On Tuesday, November 30, 1971, George Evans, from the Evans Memorial Chapel came to Central High School to speak to Mrs Earline Moore and Mrs Nola's 8th grade classes on Mortuary Science.

Mr Evans talked to the students about the origin of burials; why people were embalmed; the human circulatory system; the responsibilities of an undertaker and the training needed to become a funeral director.

The students were very enthusiastic about the speaker. They asked numerous questions about the funeral business, but their major interests seemed to be the costs of a funeral and the salary of a funeral director.

The students seemed to benefit from the visit and are looking forward to having more professional peole in the community come in to their classes.

Board Of Education Granted Monies For Equipment

The Saginaw Board of Education today announced that it had received approval from the state funds to be used to help purchase equipment for the new Career Opportunities Center which will start scheduling students for the 1972 fall opening in February.

Saginaw Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jack P. Taylor stated, "We are delighted with the news. This is further evidence of the concern and support for our Career Opportunities Center by Dr. John Porter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. This grant means that we will be able to offer the full program when the center opens in September, 1972. Saginaw students will have the benefit of the very latest in equipment and teaching in order to help them develop the paycheck skills our community needs. Many members of our staff have worked for a long time to obtain approval of this grant. This, combined with the previous special grant for construction brings special state support of $1,300,000.00 into Saginaw to aid in the building and equipping of the Career Opportunities Center. We are now in the process of hiring a staff of highly qualified instructors and pending no labor difficulties we will open next fall with the most complete vocation program north of Flint, Michigan. This vocational program means that we are offering to all students a top program. We will continue our program for the college bound student but we will also be giving non-college bound students an equal opportunity for a suitable skill.

Announce

The Saginaw High School Parents Teachers Students Association (PTSA), are having their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, December 8, 1971, at 7:30 p.m. in the schools auditorium.

On the agenda will be reports from different clubs of the school. Music will be by the Soul Choir.

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They're God's Children

By Gloria Lewis

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The mother has to live with this for 18 to 19 years or maybe more. They are the ones who have to leave home to work so their children can have food to eat and clothes on their backs. The mother is the one they turn to when they are hurt or in trouble. Why? Because their father don't want them or don't have the time or maybe has denied being the father. Have you ever had that happen to you? Then you know after you have given a person all there is to give, and go through the hardship of birthing a baby into this cruel world, how it feels. Is this the payment you get?

The child is here, the father refuses to take care of his part of the responsibility. What now, the mother then turns to the Prosecuting Attorney. But why? You fathers out there, why should the mothers have to to the man down town to make you take care of your own child or children. That's not all, what is worse is when they deny that it is theirs. Do you have any idea what the child will go through? The child is subject to the torment of the needle (blood test) and courts, only to justify their identity. Is this the payment they get also?

To you fathers who have denied being the father of your baby, ever stop to think how this would affect the child. The years of loneliness and the years of being deprived of a father. After the child has become of age and has progress, and making something of his life, without your help, you fathers then want to claim them saying "that's my son or daughter."

But with or without you fathers, they are going to make it. Even though they have been denied the right of a human being they are somebody, they're God's children.

Holiday Wrap Makes Cash Register Ring

The cash register bells are jingling throughout America these days to the tune of an estimated $750 million spent on Christmas packaging.

Americans spend about $20 billion on presents throughout the year and packaging is estimated to account for about 10 per cent of the cost of the gift, or $2 billion.

Elaborate Christmas gift wrapping is, of course, "higher than the average packaging costs for the year." The Christmas shopping season, which now stretches from just before Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, is obviously the biggest gift-buying period of the year.

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Discovery

By Helen E. Hall

As I watched my son preparing Christmas lights for outside decorations, I could not help but reminisce. I recalled when he was a tot, looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus, and the joy my husband and I had with all of our children, while planning for Santa's "descent through the chimney."

My thoughts moved further back when I, myself, watched for Santa. Since I was quite young, I cannot remember the age at which I "discovered" the real "Santa Story" — perhaps, because I did not want to accept it. I do remember that I did not want my family to know that they were no longer keeping the "secret" from me.

For some unexplainable reason, I felt guilty about having reasoned that Santa could not possibly squeeze through our chimney. In those days, very few houses had fireplaces and I was certain he would be burned if he appeared through our chimney!

I was the sixth among seven children; and, therefore, had the advantage of hearing "The Night Before Christmas" several times a day. Anticipating Santa's visit was the greatest thing in my life, then. When I learned all of the story, I vowed, in my childlike way, that I would never reveal that I knew Santa was really a beautiful spirit within everyone who wanted to give.

Today I still like to think of Santa's spirit and the entire Christmas Story. The season means a great deal to me as I think of my childhood at Christmastime with my Mother, brothers and sisters. (Our Father passed away when I was an infant.) To this day, I have been unable to say, "There is no Santa Claus", even to the children who know it.

But when I was eighteen years of age, I wrote it in humorous verse and carefully put it away for fear some "genius of a child" would be able to read the first line before his parents enlightened him.

With all the joy of remembering, I gleefully wrote:

There is no Santa Claus,
I'm certain now, that this is so, because
I stayed awake one Christmas Eve;
And, laughing up my nighty sleeve,
I saw them with my presents
Come and go.
I had to know.

Next morning, there was proof —
There were no reindeer hoofprints on the roof,
As I had thought ten times before.
And now the story is a bore
To my new wisdom; 'though I tried
To act the same,
And play the game.

I'm glad I know what's true,
For I was often blue,
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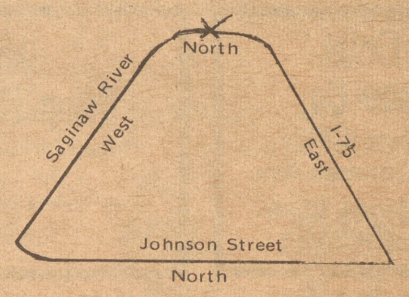

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